

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 4th December, 2023 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Evans, T. Hirst, S. Manzi, P. Wotton and J. Milne in the chair.
Cllr. Julian Brazil.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Apologies – Cllr. D. Lovett. Cllr. P. Clee

2. Declarations of Interest – Nil.

3. Public Participation – Nil.

4. Minutes – Minutes of meeting 06.11.23. were approved and signed.

5. Chairman's Report – Chairman reported he had a visit from the 4x4 Response organization following his report to them of the incident on The Square during the flooding in October. The organization have investigated this incident and found the driver's dashcam recording was different from that reported by the parishioner. The driver was not acting on behalf of the organization at that time. Chairman had pointed out the driver should not have been driving at speed through a flooded area.

Remembrance Sunday – Chairman proposed the Parish Council donate £30.00 towards the heating of The Village Hall, coffee was kindly served there after the service at the memorial and church, this was unanimously agreed.

Christmas Lights – He has written a letter of thanks to David Bennett for organizing and erecting the lights again this year, making the village bright and welcoming for the Christmas festivities,

DCC – DRIP – an email has been received from Annabel Beasley asking to come and address a parish council meeting, to recruit volunteers. It was agreed to invite her to our March meeting, Chairman will contact her.

6. Finance/Budget -Precept 2024/25. – Clerk's report-

Deposit Account – 16,847.23. Current Account - £1747.83. **Total -£18595.23.**

The Budget was circulated and discussed it was proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Manzi to precept for £6650.00 passed unanimously. This will keep the precept the same as year 2023/24.

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6. Clerk's Report – Planning App. – 3389/23/TCA – Tree works at Merlins, South Pool. TQ7 2RS. There were no comments on this application.

7. Salt Bins – A discussion was held of suitable sites within the village and the number needed. It was agreed to order one bin and work from there. There is plenty of salt at present stored at Wilton Farm.

8. Cllr. Brazil's Report – DCC. – Potholes – Government has released £6.6million for the repair of potholes, this amount is for the whole of Devon, Highways are recruiting extra staff to help with this project.

Freeport – Cllr. Brazil gave an up-date, the Freeport is now up and running.

Devolution – This will create an extra tier of government, there is a Cabinet meeting at DCC on 9th December to discuss this item.

SHDC – Housing – SHDC are providing one hundred thousand pounds for help with setting up and supporting housing or offers of land for housing .

Rubbish Collections – Councilllors reported collections were working well in South Pool, it is important to report non collections on line and to Cllr. Brazil.

Slapton Line – Still waiting for a meeting with DCC.

Date of next meeting Monday 8th January, 2024 at 6.30pm.

Chairman.